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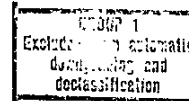
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1. In 1957, a separate signals regiment [redacted] was stationed at the Cringul Wood in Buzau and assigned the task of serving General Headquarters in times of emergency and during maneuvers. At all other times, the regiment trained signals personnel in all branches of tradecraft.
2. The regiment had a total strength of 1000 men, who were organized in the following sub-units:
- a. A line battalion consisting of three companies, one for laying heavy cable, one for laying light cable, and one for setting up telephone poles.
 - b. A telegraph/telephone battalion consisting of three companies, one for small (10-extension) exchanges, one for large exchanges, and one for telegraph stations.

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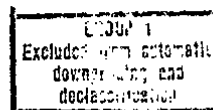
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- c. A radio battalion consisting of three companies, one for small stations, one for large stations, and one for service personnel. The service personnel company contained platoons of power plant operators, drivers, and quartermaster and administrative personnel for the entire battalion.
 - d. A service company consisting of the regimental repair shops for equipment, the dispensary (with one medical officer and one medical assistant), the vehicle repair shop, the stores for components, and the signals equipment emergency stocks, among other things.
 - e. A regimental school, which conducted three-month training courses for recruits posted to the formation and courses for technical NCOs. The three-month course for new recruits was held only once a year, following the annual induction of draftees, while the NCO course was conducted on a permanent basis and extended over periods of up to one year. Training for technical NCOs included courses for radio operators (one platoon of about 25 men), for linesmen (30-man platoon), for telephone and telegraph operators (25-man Platoon), for equipment technicians (15-man platoon), and for generator technicians (20-man platoon). Most personnel detailed to the school had a technical or secondary education.
3. Equipment held by the radio company included the following:

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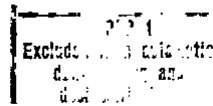
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- a. One RAT station, which was staffed with one officer and about 10 enlisted men and equipped with three vans.
 - b. About six RAF stations, each with a crew of five to seven enlisted men.
 - c. About six RSB-F and RSB-F-3 stations, each with a crew of five to seven enlisted men.
 - d. Dozens of RBM-1 sets, each operated by two enlisted men.
 - e. Dozens of A-7-A sets.
 - f. One PP station, of German or Italian manufacture, which was used for training purposes. Permanent contact was maintained with a signals unit in Bucharest and a signals unit in Sibiu. Even practice transmissions had to be in code, and signals discipline was adhered to at all times; operators who employed various "tricks of the trade" to find out with whom they were communicating were severely punished.
4. The signals equipment repair shops of the regiment carried out only minor repair jobs; the more complicated work was transferred to a central repair shop in Bucharest. One of the achievements of the regimental shop was its modification of certain components in the telegraph apparatus held by the formation, making possible radio transmission of telegrams .
5. Once each year, the entire regiment went on maneuvers with units of

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General Headquarters that served the staff of referees [sic].

Communications during these occasions were almost entirely spoken, although the regiment practiced morse transmissions continually throughout the year.

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COUNTRY : Rumania

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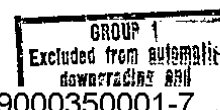
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1. The General Directorate of Prisons at the Ministry of Interior maintained a medical department which operated dispensaries and dental clinics at the six largest prisons in Rumania. The medical department of the Prison Service operated independently and was not under the competence of the Medical Service of the Interior Ministry, which carried out the same functions on behalf of the Ministry in general.
2. The medical staff of the prison dispensaries consisted entirely of civilians, although attempts had been made at various times in the past to turn them into uniformed military personnel. Since the Prison Service officials began wearing Securitate uniforms, however, instead of the Militia uniforms they wore previously, the medical staff had virtually served under conditions

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of a military establishment and, for all practical purposes, had the status of technical officers.

3. The main function at the Vacaresti prison was the classification of prisoners in transit. Most of the inmates at this prison were tradesmen, but there were also many sick prisoners of various types who had been transferred to the Vacaresti hospital, which contained 500 beds and was the largest hospital in the Prison Service.
4. The hospital at Vacaresti prison had two divisions, one for men and the other for women, which were organized according to the type of offense committed by the inmates, i. e. economic, political, or criminal offenses. The hospital medical staff consisted of 28 medical doctors and two dentists under a director who had the status of a lieutenant colonel. The director was responsible for all aspects of hospital administration, but he was not concerned with prisoner discipline, interrogations, and the like. Prisoners with particularly grave or complicated illnesses were transferred under guard to the clinic of the Bucharest Medical School for treatment, but such instances were very rare.
5. The staff at Vacaresti, as at all other Rumanian prisons, could not themselves receive treatment at the dispensary or hospital of the institution. Medical care for staff personnel was provided by the dispensaries and hospitals maintained by the Medical Service of the Ministry of Interior.

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6. The following officers at the Vacaresti prison were reported:

a. Col. Stefan Koler, warden since 1958, [REDACTED]

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b. Col. Marin Constantinescu, warden from 1954 to 1958, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

c. Maj. Mecu (fnu), deputy political warden until 1958.

d. Maj. Velicu (fnu), deputy political warden since 1958, [REDACTED]

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e. Dr. Stefan Catana, director of the prison hospital since 1955
and a specialist in internal diseases.

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